

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07  
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USIA-06 ACDA-07 IO-13 TRSE-00 OMB-01 /079 W  
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R 261328Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2959  
INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, UR, BU  
SUBJECT: CPSU PLENUM: NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE IN SOFIA

REF: MOSCOW 7373

FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH IN ASSESSING INTER-PARTY RELATIONS,  
IT SEEMS LIKELY (BUT NOT CONCLUSIVE) THAT BULGARIAN LEADERSHIP  
DID NOT HAVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF PODGORNÝ REMOVAL FROM POLITBURO.  
QUITE COINCIDENTALLY, MAY 24 WAS "CULTURE DAY" IN BULGARIA  
AND A TRADITIONAL OCCASION FOR PARADE PAST GOVT AND PARTY  
LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLED ATOP GEORGI DIMITROV'S TOMB. AS ALWAYS,  
OPPOSITE SIDE OF SQUARE WAS LINED WITH PORTRAITS OF BULGARIAN  
AND SOVIET POLITBUROS. PODGORNÝ'S PORTRAIT WAS IN ITS USUAL  
NUMBER THREE POSITION.  
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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
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**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
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